# Places To See:

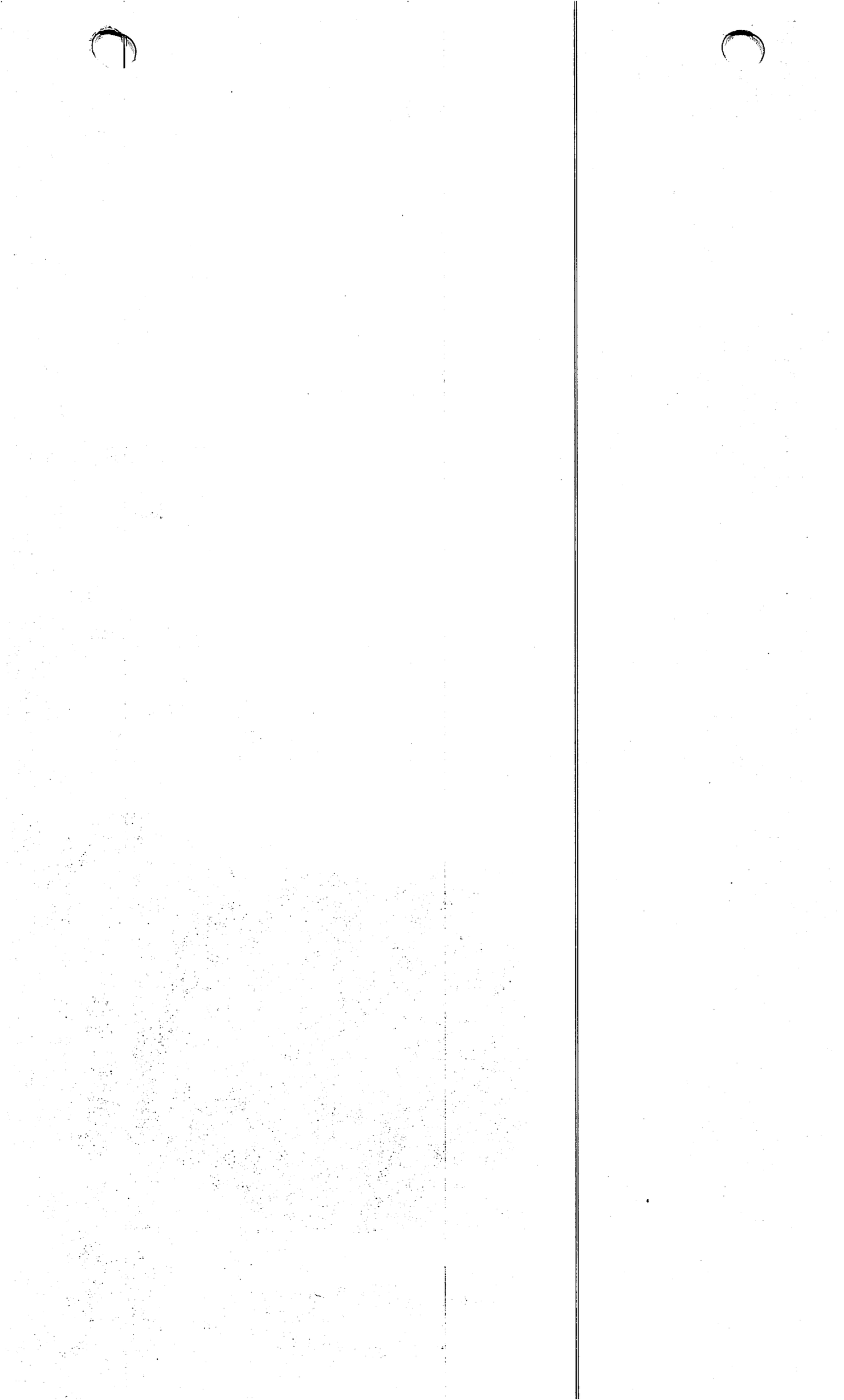
## Hot Pots

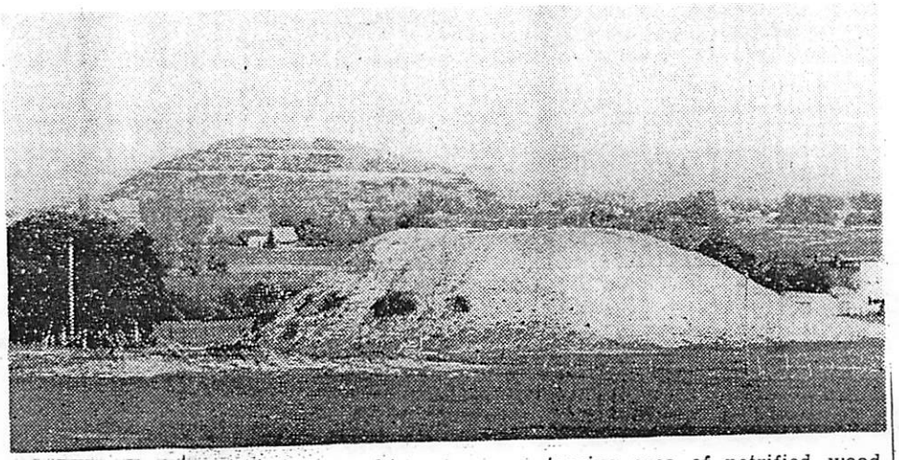
Some of Midway's highlights are it's natural warm springs. The geothermal water is thought, by many, to have curative powers. The early settlers built their homes and farms around these hot pots hoping the warm earth would lengthen the growing season, which it did. LDS Church baptisms were performed in some of them.

Warm water, saturated with lime coming up from great depths of the earth, formed a crust over the clay base in our entire western area of Midway portion of the Valley. This warm water overflowed in greater volume during the earlier years. There is no definite explanation for the water table dropping, except the digging of the mines in the Park City District, various other water research and digging in our own area. The largest crater at the Homestead overflowed while the pioneers were in the Valley. This lime formation was built by water flowing off to one side then the water would switch to the other side, as it was constantly seeking the lower level, eventually forming it's massive form.

As Schneitter Hot Pots first began, they accumulated the water and brought it into the swimming area, but it was constantly changing course and often times became filthy because of storm and dust. And so, several years ago, they dug a tunnel into the mine through the crater and brought the water through the tunnel into the plunge, thus dropping the table from over flowing to a depth of about fifty feet.

Many of the boys in the area would come to swim in this large crater. This was very dangerous for it is often repeated that two lines join together forming approximately six hundred feet in length have been tested to determine the depth of the crater but they claim that the weight constantly had a pull indicating there was no end at six hundred feet. It is unknown if any real test has been made, but it is often stated that the crater is without bottom.





HOT POTS—Cones of extinct geysers dot the region near Heber City—are used as swim resorts.

rived, he knew his cause was lost but he stood in the legislative chamber and hurled his defiance in a few quietly spoken words.

"Wasatch County," he said, "takes what comfort it may in the fact that it, like the Savior, has been crucified between two thieves."

A sentence as epochal as Bryan's 'Cross of Gold'! It took the listeners by storm and crystalized a new sense of fairness and justice in the lawmakers. Wasatch County's lines remained unchanged.

**PLEASING AS ARE** the visitor's impressions of the Heber Valley and its mountain habitat, there is much more to the area than first meets the eye. Close by at Midway are the famous swimming resorts of the Hot Pots. Here is a fading relic of a Yellowstone Park geyser region of earlier ages. The ancient limestone cones and an extensive area underlain with thick deposits of "pot-rock" remain as fascinating evidences of tremendous aquathermal activities.

Improved roads take the motorist quickly into lovely mountain canyons and to heights of inspiring panoramic vistas. The drive from Heber City past the Deer Creek Reservoir down Provo Canyon leads one intimately through the magic mountain Timpanogos tumbling streams, natural parks and the nation's most southerly glacier. The Alpine Scenic Loop continues on down American Fork Canyon in fascinating descents that make it a worthy contemporary of Europe's more publicized Alpine highways.

The canyon streams teem with trout and for those Isaac Waltons who delight in trolling for the big ones, the Deer Creek Reservoir is growing in popularity. In the surrounding mountains are world famous mines and extensive areas of still undeveloped mineral riches. The production of lumber and timber products is an important and growing industry while agriculture and stock raising continue as the basic economy first envisioned by the valley's pioneer settlers. East of Heber is an extensive area of petrified wood deposits, fine in texture and rich in colorations to delight the collector and lapidarist.

**HEBER CITY IS RECOGNIZED** as a community of attractive, comfortable homes. Its business district, characterized with modern stores, cafes, motels and mercantile establishments, is one worthy of a much larger town and bespeaks the extensive area it serves. Like most American towns, Heber is currently in the grip of growing pains. It has a definite housing shortage and has outgrown many of its public utilities. Under the leadership of its newly elected mayor, Maron R. Hyatt, the community is taking aggressive steps to overcome these shortcomings.

Funds have been made available for the building of a new power plant on Snake Creek above Midway to augment the output of electricity from the municipal plant on the Provo. A modern firehall is also to be built this year. Anticipating further growth and expansion, a survey of sewer and water system development is being made.

**CARRYING ON THE FINE** traditions of the past, the Heber Valley is blessed with an enviable group of young people who are dedicating their youth and enthusiasm to civic progress and development. Ask any dozen of these youth picked at random and they will tell you that there is no place like Heber in which to live—and they'll do it in such a way that you'll wonder if you are not missing something by living elsewhere.

Paralleling these activities, Heber has an active and progressive Lions Club, the Heber Valley Riding Club, the Wasatch Wild Life Association and many other groups that contribute their part toward making Heber tick. The annual three-day county fair attracts visitors from great distances. The Heber High School is recognized and feared throughout the state whether in athletics, debating, public speaking or other scholastic competitions. The support given these projects and activities makes Heber City a poor place in which to retire—if you are under 80.

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